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HOUSE BILL DRH10226-TQf-1

Short Title: Authorize International Trade Market Permit. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hardister.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE MARKET SPECIAL EVENT  
3 ABC PERMIT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 10 of Chapter 18B of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
6 a new section to read:

7 "**§ 18B-1002.2. Authorization of international trade market event permit.**

8 (a) Definitions. – For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

9 (1) International trade market. – An annual or biannual credentialed event lasting  
10 not less than five consecutive days and open only to members of a particular  
11 trade or industry.

12 (2) Managed food services company. – A company that contracts to provide food  
13 services in an international trade market and that, prior to applying for an  
14 international trade market event permit, possesses a mixed beverages permit  
15 pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001(10) for a location within the premises described in  
16 the application required by subsection (c) of this section.

17 (b) Permit Authorized. – A permit may be issued to a managed food services company to  
18 authorize the managed food services company to sell or serve malt beverages, unfortified wine,  
19 fortified wine, or mixed beverages on specifically defined premises in an international trade  
20 market at which the managed food services company is providing services for consumption on  
21 the premises.

22 (c) Limitations. – An international trade market event permit may be used for two  
23 international trade market events of not more than 21 days per event during the duration of the  
24 permit. Upon application, the permittee shall provide the Commission with a map or written  
25 description that clearly defines the boundary of the permittee's premises within the international  
26 trade market on which alcoholic beverages may be sold or served. The premises may include  
27 multiple buildings, and may include public or private outdoor areas including streets and  
28 sidewalks, unless prohibited by local act. The permittee may exclude certain areas from the  
29 premises that are not to be served by the permittee during certain times or at certain locations.  
30 The permittee shall provide signage or other clear markings indicating the boundaries of the  
31 defined premises at each event. The permittee shall notify the Commission at least 30 days in  
32 advance of each international trade market event and shall also notify the Commission of the  
33 duration of the international trade market event. If the bounds of the premises change prior to  
34 expiration of the permit, the permittee shall notify the Commission of any changes to the  
35 premises.



1 (d) Local Elections Control. – Any sale or service of alcoholic beverages under an  
2 international trade market event permit may only be conducted in a jurisdiction that has approved  
3 the sale of the type of alcoholic beverage offered for sale or service."

4 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 18B-902(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

5 "(48) International trade market event permit – \$250.00."

6 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding G.S. 18B-1002.2(c), any permit issued pursuant to  
7 G.S. 18B-1002.2 in the year 2021 may be used for three international trade market events of not  
8 more than 21 days per event and shall expire on April 30, 2022. All other limitations provided in  
9 G.S. 18B-1002.2(c) shall apply.

10 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.